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German Patent DE 197 51 369 A1 discloses filters for roof  
flow water.

German Patent DE 197 06 620 A1 discloses separation mechanism  
for rain water.

Patent abstracts of Japan for Publication No. 10002077 A  
discloses a gutter for utilizing rainwater.

Abstract of DE 29701306 for Roos for "Filter unit for  
filtration of rainwater with sedimentation unit and fine filter-  
for removal of coarse contamination and suspended material and  
having overflow system.:

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